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Distinguished Research Professor of History
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Education and Educational Grants and Awards

The University of Rochester, 1961-1965 (A.B. summa cum laude, 1965); Univ. of Rochester Prize Scholarship, 1961-1965;
Phi Beta Kappa, 1965; Ellison Prize in History, 1965
Harvard University, 1965-1970 (M.A., 1966; Ph.D., 1970); Harvard-Ford Foundation Five-Year Prize Fellowship, 1965-1970
Newberry Library Summer Institute on Quantitative Methods in History, 1977;
Rockefeller Foundation Summer Fellowship, 1977
Liberal Arts Fellow, Harvard Law School, 1986-1987

Professional Experience

Harvard University, Teaching Fellow, 1967-1969
The Ohio State University, Assistant Professor of History, 1970-1977
The University of Notre Dame, Visiting Assistant Professor of History, 1977-78
The University of Georgia, Asst. Prof. (History), 1978-1982; Assoc. Prof., 1982-86, Prof., 1986-93, Research Prof., 1993-2001, Distinguished Research Prof. 2001-; Adj. Prof. of Law, 1993, 1996
Princeton University, Visiting Scholar, Fall 1987
Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies, Fellow, Fall-Winter, 1988-1989, Fall-Winter 1989-1990
Daniel Lyons Distinguished Visiting Professor, Brooklyn College, 1993-1994

Research Grants and Professional Awards

Ohio State University Development Fund Summer Fellowship, 1972
National Endowment for the Humanities Research Grant, 1973-1974
N.E.H. Educational Project Grant (Summer Institute), 1975
American Philosophical Society Research Grant, 1977, 1983
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Research Grant, 1978
Project '87 Research Grant, 1979
American Bar Foundation Research Fellowship, 1980-1981
N.E.H. Constitutional Summer Fellowship, 1986
University of Georgia Humanities Center Fellowship, Winter, 1989
N.E.H. Senior Fellowship, 1989-90
Golieb Fellow, New York University Law School, 1991-1992, 1995, 1997

Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award, 1992
Albert Christ-Janer Award for Creative Research, University of Georgia, 1993

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Wolfe Lecturer, Brooklyn College, 1994
Rorshach Lecturer, Rice University, 1994
University of Georgia Senior Faculty Research Grant, 1996
American Library Association "Best of the Best" Book Award, 1998-99
Finalist, Silver Gavel Award, American Bar Association, 2002

Publication in Press and Print

Books

co-author, Murdering Mothers; Infanticide in England and New England, 1558-1803.
With N. E. H. Hull. New York: New York University Press, 1981. Pp. 218.

author, Revolution and Regeneration, Life Cycle and Historical Vision in the Generation of 1776. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1983. Pp. 181 + portraits.

author and co-editor, Criminal Proceedings in Colonial Virginia, The Richmond County Courts Record, 1711-1754. Edited with an introduction by Peter Charles Hoffer. Edited and Transcribed by William Scott. American Legal Records Series-Volume 10. American Historical Association and University of Georgia Press, 1984. Pp. lxxviii + 257

co-author, Impeachment in America, 1635-1805. With N. E. H. Hull. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984. Pp. xii + 324.

editor, Early American History. New York: Garland Publishers, 1988. 18 v.

author, Liberty or Order: Two Views of American History from the Revolutionary Crisis to the Early Works of George Bancroft and Jared Sparks. Harvard Dissertations in American History and Political Science, eds. Frank Freidel and Ernest May. New York: Garland Pub., 1988. Pp. 309

author, The Law's Conscience, Equitable Constitutionalism in America. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. 1990. Pp. 301.

author, Law and People in Colonial America. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press. 1992. Pp. 151. Revised enlarged edition, 1998. Pp. 189

co-author, Reading and Writing American History. 2v. With William Stueck. Lexington, Mass.: D.C. Heath. 1994. Revised, enlarged second edition, 1998, Boston: Houghton Mifflin

author, The Devil's Disciples: The Makers of the Salem Witchcraft Trials. The Johns Hopkins University Press. 1996. Pp. 291

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author, The Salem Witchcraft Trials: Law and Superstition in Early America. Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 1997. Pp. 189

author, The Brave New World: A History of Early America. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000. Pp. 560+90 illus and 14 maps

co-author, Roe v. Wade: The Abortion Rights Controversy in American History. With N.E.H. Hull. Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 2001. Pp. 297

author, American History I Study Guide. Indianapolis: The College Network, 2002. Pp. 264+maps

author, The "Slave Conspiracy" of 1741: Race and Law in Colonial New York. Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, forthcoming 2003

author, Worlds of the Senses in Early America. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, forthcoming 2003

co-editor, The Abortion Controversy in America, An Anthology. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. forthcoming 2004

senior co-author, Visions of America. New York: Longman. forthcoming, 2004.

Articles

author and co-author, "Abortion," "Colonial Law and Courts," "Salem Witchcraft Trials," Oxford Companion to American Law. New York: Oxford University Press. 2002

co-author, "Historians and the Impeachment Imbroglia: In Search of A Servicable History" Rutgers Law Journal 31 (2000), 473-490

author, "Invisible Worlds and Criminal Trials: The Cases of John Proctor and O.J. Simpson" American Journal of Legal History 51 (1997), 287-314

author, "Crime and Law Enforcement," "Common Law" in Scribner's Encyclopedia of the British North American Colonies. New York, 1994. 1:391-403, 435-439

author, "Legislatures and Impeachment" in Scribner's Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System. New York, 1994. 3:1621-1639.

author, "Text, Translation, Context, Conversation: Preliminary Notes for Decoding the Deliberations of the Advisory Committee That Wrote the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure" American Journal of Legal History. 36 (October 1993)

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author, "The Mysterious Disappearance of Charles E. Clark" Cardozo Law Review. 15 (1993), 767-785.

author, "Law As Custom" William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd ser. 50 (January 1993), 160-167

author, "Felix Frankfurter," "Freedom of Contract," "Separate but Equal," and "Substantive Due Process" Oxford Companion to the Supreme Court ed. Kermit Hall. New York, 1992. Pp. 314-317, 195, 773-774, 237-239

author, "'Blind to History': The Use of History in Affirmative Action Suits" Rutgers Law Journal 23 (1992), 271-296

author, "Principled Discretion: Concealment, Conscience, and Chancellors" Yale Journal of Law and Humanities 3 (1990), 53-82

author, "Constitutional Silences: The Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in Georgia" in Robert Haws, ed., The South's Role in the Creation of the Bill of Rights. Jackson, Miss.: University Press of Mississippi. 1991. Pp. 125-146 and The Georgia Journal of Southern Legal History 1 (1991), 21-52

author, "The Declaration of Independence as a Bill in Equity" in William Pencak and Wythe Holt, eds., The Law in America, 1607-1861. New York: The New-York Historical Society, 1989. Pp. 186-209

author, "Honor and the Roots of American Litigiousness" American Journal of Legal History 33 (1989), 295-319

author, "'Their Trustees and Servants': Eighteenth-Century Maryland Lawyers and the Constitutional Implications of Equity Precepts" Maryland Historical Magazine 82 (1987), 142-158

author, "Disorder and Deference: The Paradoxes of Criminal Justice in the Colonial Tidewater" in David Bodenhamer and James Ely, Jr., eds., Ambivalent Legacy: A Legal History of the South. Jackson, Miss.: U. Pr. of Miss. 1984. Pp. 187-201

author, "Law and Liberty, In the Matter of William Smith of Philadelphia, 1758" William and Mary Quarterly, 3rd. Ser.38 (1981), 681-702

co-author, "Politics and Personality: Political Affiliation in Revolutionary New York" With N.E.H. Hull and Steven L. Allen in Robert Brugger, ed., Our Selves/Our Past, Psychological Perspectives on American History. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1981. Pp. 102-117

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co-author, "Power and Precedent in the Creation of An American Impeachment Tradition" WMQ, 3rd. Ser. 36 (1979), 51-77

co-author, "The First American Impeachments" WMQ, 3rd. Ser. 35 (1978), 653-667

author, "The LR Scale Manual, A Codebook and Rationale for the Extraction of Personality Traits from Historical Manuscripts" Newberry Library Family and Community Center Historical Papers, 1978. Pp. 38

co-author, "Choosing Sides: A Quantitative Study of the Psychological Determinants of Political Affiliation in Revolutionary New York" Journal of American History, 65 (1978), 344-366

author, "Psychohistory and Empirical Group Affiliation" Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 9 (1978), 131-145

co-author, "'To Determine on the Future Government': Robert Yates' Plan of Union, 1774-1775" WMQ, 3rd ser. 34 (1977), 298-306

author, "Sectionalism" The Encyclopedia of Southern History. Baton Rouge: The Louisiana State University Press, 1979. Pp. 1086-1087

author, "Charles Eliot Norton: Aesthetic Reformer in an Unaesthetic Age" The Journal of Aesthetic Education, 8 (1974), 19-31

author, "Fettered Loyalism: A Re-evaluation of Robert Proud's and George Chalmers' Unfinished Colonial Histories" Maryland Historical Magazine, 68 (1973), 160-172

author, "American Businessmen and the Japan Trade, 1931-1939, A Case Study of Attitude Formation" Pacific Historical Review, 41 (1972), 189-205

author, "The Constitutional Crisis and the Rise of a Nationalistic View of History in America, 1785-1789" New York History, 52 (1971), 305-323

Presentation of Scholarly Papers

"Roe v. Wade" New York University School of Law Legal History Seminar, August 30, 2000

"Panel on Impeachment and the Historians" American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 8, 2000

"Impeachment in Early America: The Historical Uses of Law and the Legal uses of History" SHEAR, Lexington, KY, July 15, 1999

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"How Legal History Was Lost" N. Y. U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, February 2, 1998

"Invisible Worlds and Problem Trials: The Cases of John Proctor and O.J. Simpson" University of Pennsylvania Law School Legal History Colloquium, January 24, 1997 and the N. Y. U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, January 22, 1997

"A Nation of Lawyers" N. Y. U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, November 15, 1995

"Criminal Trials as Performances" Rutgers University Law School--Camden, September 14, 1995

"Spectral Evidence in the Salem Witchcraft Trials" American Society for Legal History Meeting, Washington D.C. October 24, 1994

"The Devil's Disciples: The Makers of the Salem Witchcraft Trials, 1692-1693" N. Y.U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, August 31, 1994

"The Diviners: Ministers, Magistrates, and the Law of Evidence in the Salem Witchcraft Trials" Rorschach Lecture, Rice University, March 17, 1994

"The Stories Historians Tell: What Really Happened at Salem in 1692" Wolfe Institute Invited Lecture, Brooklyn College, February 17, 1994

"Looking For Tituba: The Atlantic Context of the Salem Witchcraft Trials" Columbia University Seminar in Early Modern Europe, January 26, 1994

"Beyond the Text--Early American Law as Seen, Heard, and Remembered" Southeastern Section, Eighteenth Century Studies Association, March 4, 1993, Birmingham, Alabama

"Seditious Libel and Partisan Politics in Colonial America--A Comment" American Society for Legal History, October 22, 1993, Memphis, Tennessee

"What's Source for the Goose is Discourse for the Gander: On Reading Legal Texts" N.Y.U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, September 9, 1992

"Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights" July 20-23, 1992 Jackson State University N.E.H. Seminar

"Community and Litigiousness" Law and Society Association, Philadelphia, May 29, 1992

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"'Blind to History': The Use of History in Affirmative Action Suits, Another Look at Croson v. Richmond" Rutgers University-Camden Conference on the Reconstruction Amendments Then and Now, September 14, 1990

"The Lawyers and the Revolutionary Crisis" Philadelphia Transformation Project, May 5, 1990

"The Death of Discretion? The Equity Jurisdiction of the Federal Courts, 1789-1860" American Society for Legal History, San Francisco, October 22, 1989

"Honor and the Roots of American Litigiousness" Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies, March 3, 1989

"Brown II and Beyond" N.Y.U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, February 21, 1989

"Equity and the Professors" N.Y.U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, November 22, 1988

"The Equity of Reconstruction" N.E.H. Seminar, Jackson State University, July 29, 1988

"Balancing the Equities: The Nuisance Injunction, the Origins of the Managerial Court, and the Legitimacy of Equitable Discretion" N.Y.U. School of Law Legal History Seminar, April 22, 1987

"The Safety of Coming to the Judgment Day: A Historical Defense of Equitable Discretion" Charles Warren Center for Historical Studies, Harvard University, May 14, 1987

"The Origins of the Equity Clause of the Federal Constitution" Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, Philadelphia, July 18, 1987; also read to the Conference honoring Bernard Bailyn, Cambridge, Mass., October 30, 1987

"Constitutional Silences: The Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in

Georgia" Chancellor's Conference on Southern History, Oxford, Miss.,
October 7, 1987

"The Paradox of Enduring Constitutionalism: Construction and Fundamental Law"
University of Wisconsin/Wisconsin Endowment for the Humanities Bicentennial
Speaker, LaCrosse, Wis. October 22, 1987

"The Declaration of Independence as a Bill in Equity" New-York Historical Society
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Conference on the Law in America, New York City, May 5, 1985

"The Course in American Legal History" American Society for Legal History, Baltimore,
Md., October, 1983

"Deference and Disorder: The Puzzles of Law Enforcement in the Colonial Tidewater"
Conference on the Legal History of the South, Gulfport, Miss., February, 1983

"Fundamental Rights in A Changing Society" Conference on the Constitution of Georgia
Sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia and the Georgia ACLU, February, 1983

"Crime and Law Enforcement in the Colonial South" Southern Historical Association,
Louisville, Ky., November, 1981

"The First State Impeachments" American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.,
December, 1980

"Abortion in the law of Early Modern England and America" American Society for Legal
History, Chicago, October 20, 1978

"Toward a Psychology of Political Leadership: Historical Considerations" International
Society of Political Psychology, New York City, September 2, 1978

"Punishment of Infanticide in Seventeenth-Century New England" Organization of
American Historians Annual Conference, Chicago, April 4, 1978

"Murdering Mothers--Victims of Criminals? Evidence from the Seventeenth and
Eighteenth Century English and American Criminal Records" Center for
American Studies, Indiana University/Purdue University, March 31, 1978

"The Causes of Infanticide" Newberry Library, Chicago, February 23, 1978

"A Want of Affection--The Psychogenic Infanticide in Seventeenth and Eighteenth-
Century England" Columbia University Seminar on Early American History
and Culture, December 14, 1976

"The Harlot and the Kite, An Elizabethan Infanticide Case" Duquesne History Forum,
October 22, 1976

"Choosing Sides: The Psychological Determinants of Political Affiliation in Revolutionary
New York" Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, April 1976

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Professional Duties

Member, Professional Division, American Historical Association, 2001-
General co-editor, Landmark Law Cases and Society in America, a series of
interpretative book-length essays published by the University Press of Kansas
Member, editorial board, H-Law, 2000-
Member and chair, Franklin College (University of Georgia) special professors
committee, 1998-2000
Panelist, N.E.H. Research Division, Reference Materials, 1992-1994, 1996, 1997
Consultant, National Commission on Judicial Discipline and Removal, 1995
Member, Littleton-Griswold Prize Committee of the AHA, 1988-1990, 2001
Member, University of Georgia Criminal Justice Studies Steering
Committee, 1980-1990
Nominating Committee, American Society for Legal History, 1990-1992
Associate Fellow, Columbia University Seminar on Early American History and
Culture, 1975-1981
Fellow, Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia, 1980-1981
Director, American Studies Program, Ohio State University, 1974-1976
Director, OSU-N.E.H. Summer Institute on the American Revolution, 1975